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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUO ET AL.

Examiner

Kamini S. Shah

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4,6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 7-11 in the reply filed on 10/27/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claims are not independent and distinct. The central theme throughout all of the claims is one in which helper servers in a network support delivery of content. This is not found persuasive because claims 7-11 has separate utility such as system using network of helper having scope values.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 7-16 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 10/27/04.

3. Newly submitted claims 12-16 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claims recites a network of helpers having plurality sets of helpers and helpers being determined by scope value particulars including distance comprising local, regional, national and global scopes

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 12-16 are withdrawn from consideration

as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-3, 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Egawa et al 5,717,854.

Regarding to claimed invention, Egawa et al teaches high speed communications network interconnected processor unit as to claimed network of interconnected helper servers, see at least abstract, comprising: means for receiving requests for at least portions of continuous media object (such as control unit 34 receive request and then analyzes the request and determines what instruction should be issued see col. 4, lines 26-41); means for storing selected first portion of continuous media (such as storing multimedia data in the input/output units 31-1-31-n, see col. 26-41); and means for selectively forwarding stored portions of continuous media objects to other (such as retrieval request notification and a retrieval result notification are transmitted between processor units, see col. 4, lines 66-col.5, lines 1-12).

Regarding claim 2, 3, wherein continuous media objects comprise a plurality of ordered segments, and helper servers comprises means for receiving segments of a

continuous media object from a plurality of servers (such as stream controller 41-3 stores pictures 2, 3,...and 10 and a plurality of users have issued requests to distribute the programs, and control server 43 manages stream controller 41-3 for receiving segment of continuous media object, see col. 8, lines 45-col. 9, lines 1-3).

Regarding claim 5, wherein plurality of helper servers each stores at least one segment of an identified continuous media object for collectively forming the entire continuous media object (such as figure 10 shows the synchronization between the CPU cells and simultaneously reading image data from a plurality of stream controller and displaying on a single display device, see col. 8-20).

Allowable Subject Matter

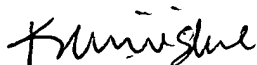
6. Claims 4, 6, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamini S. Shah whose telephone number is 571-272-2279. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew B. Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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